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A return postcard.
 Appellants' Brief on Appeal (5 pgs), with Appendices I-IV (all in triplicate), with authorization to charge filing fee and oral hearing fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
 Amendment & Response Under 3 CFR 1.116, including Clean Version of Substitute Paragraph of Specification and Clean Version of Pending Claims (10 pgs) (in triplicate).
 Request for Refund (2 pgs).

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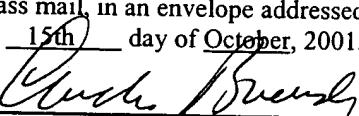
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1. Notice of Appeal fee of \$310.00 (see attached return postcard),
2. Appeal Brief filing fee of \$320.00;
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A final Office Action was issued in this case on February 21, 2001, and Applicants filed their response on March 16, 2001, **within two months of the date of the final Office Action** (return postcard attached). As of August 17, 2001, just prior to the six-month date, Applicants had received neither an Advisory Action nor a Notice of Allowance, in spite of many telephone inquiries to the Examiner, her SPE, and other customer service representatives. This file has now been reported as lost.

Because of the Office's failure to take proper and timely action following receipt of Applicants' Amendment and Response to the final Office Action, Applicants were obliged to file a Notice of Appeal in order to keep this application pending. As of this date, the file is still reported to be lost, and Applicants have filed their Appeal Brief to keep from incurring further extension fees in the case.

It is believed that Applicants are entitled to a refund of all fees incurred by them after their Amendment and Response to Final Office Action was mailed on March 16, 2001, as listed above, and it is respectfully requested that a refund of said fees in the total amount of \$910.00 be credited to Deposit Account 19-0743.

Please direct this communication to the Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

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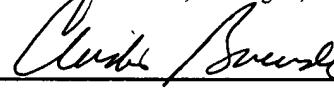
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